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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Coverage for Home Visits After Mastectomy or Surgical**  
 3 **Removal of a Testicle - ~~Extension~~ Repeal of Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~extending~~ repealing a certain termination date for mandated  
 5 insurance coverage for certain home visits following a mastectomy or surgical  
 6 removal of a testicle.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 8 Article - Insurance  
 9 Section 15-832  
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 13 Chapter 120 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by  
 14 Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
 15 Section 7

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article - Insurance**

2 15-832.

3 (a) In this section, "mastectomy" means the surgical removal of all or part of a  
4 breast as a result of breast cancer.

5 (b) This section applies to:

6 (1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide inpatient  
7 hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an  
8 expense-incurred basis under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or  
9 delivered in the State; and

10 (2) health maintenance organizations that provide inpatient hospital,  
11 medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued  
12 or delivered in the State.

13 (c) For a patient who receives less than 48 hours of inpatient hospitalization  
14 following a mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle, or who undergoes a  
15 mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle on an outpatient basis, an entity  
16 subject to this section shall provide coverage for:

17 (1) one home visit scheduled to occur within 24 hours after discharge  
18 from the hospital or outpatient health care facility; and

19 (2) an additional home visit if prescribed by the patient's attending  
20 physician.

21 (d) Each entity subject to this section shall provide notice annually to its  
22 enrollees and insureds about the coverage required under this section.

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**Chapter 120 of the Acts of 1999, as amended by  
Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2003**

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25 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
26 Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999. ~~Section 2 of this Act~~  
27 ~~shall remain effective for a period of [7] 12 years and, at the end of September 30,~~  
28 ~~[2006,] 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of~~  
29 ~~this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 July 1, 2006.

